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A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 437 ENACTING SECTION 2911.14 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF POSTAL PACKAGE THEFT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the growth of e-commerce has consumers enjoying the convenience of shopping from home with access to vast product selections delivered right to their front door; and

WHEREAS, with on-line shopping becoming increasingly popular, the theft of unattended packages has risen dramatically; and

WHEREAS, a porch pirate is a person who trespasses on the property of another with the intent to steal packages from their front porch or front door before the packages have been secured by the rightful owner; and

WHEREAS, Ohio H.B. 437 would enact section 2911.14 of the Ohio Revised Code to create the offense of postal package theft, a felony of the fifth degree.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

- Section 1. That the Council and the Administration of the City of Parma hereby support H.B. 437 which creates the offense of postal package theft.
- Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a true and accurate copy of this Resolution to State Representative Jeffrey A. Crossman.
- Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.
- Section 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary to show support of House Bill 437, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:	
	PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
ATTEST:CLERK OF COUNCIL	APPROVED:
FILED WITH THE MAYOR:	
	MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO